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LETTER DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of further violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for the purposes of observation and provocation between 31 August and 6 September 1993.

31 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Amarah and Busayyah.

1 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 95 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Shatrah and Lasaf.

- At 1310 hours on 1 September 1993, a United States TR-1 aerial reconnaissance aircraft entered Iraqi airspace at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and an altitude of 20,000 metres, flew over Basra, Amara and Nasiriyah, south of Diwaniyah and Najaf and over Samawah and Qal'at Sakr, and departed in the direction of Saudi Arabia at 1600 hours.

2 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Ayn Zalah, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah,

Qal'at Salih, south of Najaf and Diwaniyah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Samawah, Salman and Artawi.

3 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 74 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

4 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 91 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Amarah, Artawi and Busayyah.

5 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Ayn Zalah, Zakho, Dohuk and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Salman.

- At 1240 hours on 5 September 1993, a United States TR-1 aerial reconnaissance aircraft entered Iraqi airspace at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and an altitude of 20,000 metres, flew over Basra, Qurnah and Nasiriyah and south of Najaf and Diwaniyah, and departed in the direction of Saudi Arabia at 1425 hours.

6 September 1993

(a) Northern region: no hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on 6 September 1993.

(b) Southern region: 25 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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